

## REACH for Excellence

Day: Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Session: 2:00 – 3:15 pm

Room: Sahuaro

## **Presenter:**

**Susan Douglas –** sued@clubzona.org
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## **Session Description:**

This presentation will feature the Academy's results on high stakes tests over years. Based on our comprehensive REACH program, it will provide specific strategies for school leaders and teachers seeking systemic change and will discuss recruitment of community resources as well as the thoughtful blending of available financial resources.

## **Presenter Information:**

Susan Douglas has served for 14 years as the Administrator of the Mesa Arts Academy, a K –8th grade Charter School operated by the Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley. She represents all charter schools on the Special Education Advisory Panel to the State Board of Education, and currently serves on the Mesa Community College Service Learning Board, Rio Salado's President's Advisory Council, and Tribune Newspapers Education Panel. She has also served on the Maricopa County Head Start Policy Committee and Superintendent Horne's Discipline Initiative Think Tank. She is an active Rotarian and a founding board member of the Arizona Foundation for Educational Choice, a non-profit organization that funds scholarships for charter school students. Sue Douglas served on the committee that wrote the kindergarten curriculum for the Diocese of Phoenix and she has co-authored a children's textbook series that was published by Harcourt Brace. In addition to her academic publications, Susan has co-produced two music tapes for young children. She has presented at several national conferences in the areas of the arts, special education, and charter schools; Arizona Special Education Directors Institutes, Charter School Association Conferences, and ADE Leading Change Institutes; as well as the National Association of Community Colleges Service Learning Symposium and the National Boys and Girls Club of America's Annual Conference.

